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LEFT HIS SHIP. MASTER WHOSE LIFE WAS IN PERIL. KONGMOON INCIDENT. Chinese Owners And Court Sequel.

Mr. James R. Wilson, the master of a Chinese owned ship, owing to representations as to the lives of himself and subordinate officers being endangered and to there being no food aboard, left his ship at Kongmoon and together with his officers returned to Hongkong. This morning he was the plaintiff in a case in the Summary Court. He sued his owners, the Cheat Wo Steamship Company, for \$1,000 (salary and value of personal property lost).

The facts, as disclosed in evidence, were that the ship (the Leung Kwong) was ordered from Hongkong to Kongmoon by her owners on July 9. On arrival there everything was apparently quiet, but the crew deserted. The master asked a British ship in port to stand by, but the reply came back regretting inability to do so and the ship in question left for Hongkong.

Mr. Wilson flew his distress signal but, in spite of there being a British gunboat in the harbour, no response was forthcoming. Shortly after the purser came aboard and told the master that his life was in danger and that he had better leave the ship. As there was no food aboard and no crew, the master took his papers and ship's ammunition to the Customs House and returned with his officers to Hongkong.

Cross-examined by Mr. D. McCallum, who represented the owners, Mr. Wilson said that he engaged European officers and received \$700 a month with which to pay them.

Mr. McCallum: As master, you were monarch of all you surveyed?

Witness: I suppose so. Mr. McCallum: Do you suggest that the purser who came aboard and told you your life was in danger was the agent of the Company?

Witness: Yes, he took the place of the commodore on that trip. Mr. McCallum: Are you in the habit of taking orders from the commodore?

Witness: Yes. Mr. McCallum: So far as discipline is concerned?

Witness: No. IN ENEMY WATERS. Mr. McCallum: When you got to Kongmoon did you consider you were in enemy waters?

Witness: Yes. Mr. McCallum: So far as the ship is concerned, did you consider she was captured?

Witness: No, I know the ship was all right as she was Chinese-owned. But our lives were not safe. Mr. McCallum: Did you desert her?

Witness: No, I was obliged to leave. Mr. McCallum: Were your orders to take her to Kongmoon and leave her there?

Witness: If they had been we should never have gone. Mr. McCallum: Were you informed by the purser that your lives were in danger?

Witness: Yes. Mr. McCallum: He told you purely as a friendly act.

Witness: No; he was in league with the owners to get our money stopped. Mr. McCallum: He was nice to you?

Witness: Yes, a man who wants to do himself a good turn is usually very nice. The evidence of the master having been corroborated by Mr. Thomas Aberdeen Nicholas, the Chief Officer, Mr. McCallum addressed the Court, contending that the purser could never have been the agent for the company and in a position to discharge a ship's master in circumstances such as these. Once a ship had been deserted in this way she became a total loss and the master made himself liable to an action by the Company.

Discussion here ensued between counsel (Mr. G. R. Haywood being for the plaintiff) and it was pointed out to Mr. McCallum that Sections 157 and 158 of the Merchant Shipping Act could not be made to apply in the case of a master.

OWNER'S VERSION. The owner of the ship (Ip Kam-ting) was then called and

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/3 15/16.

ANOTHER RUMOUR. TRUTH ABOUT HONGKONG CLUB "BOYS."

A FEW RETURN.

A story which was being freely circulated yesterday and this morning was that "boys" of the Hongkong Club had endeavoured to leave Canton in a body, had been caught, ill-treated and robbed and sent back to be placed in jail at Canton.

According to enquiries made at the Club this morning the story as it had reached there was that six bar boys had been stopped in a junk when two hours journey from Macao and had been ill-treated and detained.

According to the story of one bar boy who had returned, this report was incorrect. The "China Mail" was informed. This boy said that there were no others with him when he was stopped in a junk in which he was travelling from Heungshan to Macao. The junk was delayed two days and during that time the passengers were cross-examined. He was allowed to proceed with

BLED TO DEATH. CAPTAIN'S BODY IN POOL OF BLOOD. SAILOR'S HOME DISCOVERY. Futile Effort To Stop The Flow.

The death occurred at the Sailors' Home, West Point, of a European master mariner under peculiar but tragic circumstances.

The deceased was Captain W. K. Richardson, late of the s.s. Confucius, which is at present operated by a Chinese firm at Bonham Strand.

Captain Richardson had been staying at the Sailors' Home, Des Voeux Road West, since last Friday, and he was apparently waiting for a suitable opening as a ship's master on one of the local vessels.

He was last seen alive by the assistant superintendent of the Home at 10 o'clock on Monday night, and he then appeared to be his usual self.

The discovery that something had occurred was made on Tuesday morning when a pool of blood met the gaze of an inmate who was passing a window of the room occupied by the Captain. A report was immediately made to Divisional Inspector Peter Grant, of No. 7 Police Station, who visited the Home with Sergeant Fender.

The police officers found the deceased lying on the floor in a pool of blood with two broken lemonade bottles beside him. The upper part of one of the bottles, which had broken with a sharp point, was found embedded in the right foot, and this had severed an artery. A sponge rag wound round the foot indicated that the deceased had made an unsuccessful attempt to stop the flow of blood by bandaging the wound.

One of the heads of the lemonade bottles was found outside the window. It was clear that the deceased had attempted to open the lemonade bottles by striking the heads against the window sill and in doing so dropped a fragment on to his bare foot just above the slipper.

None of the inmates appears to have heard any cries for help from the deceased, and his accidental death was only discovered in the morning.

The body was removed to the public mortuary, and the arrangements for the funeral were made by the superintendent of the Sailors' Home.

The deceased is said to have been about 50 years old.



WORLD'S LARGEST LOCOMOTIVE. The largest locomotive ever made, shown here, has just passed first tests, at Pittsburgh, where it was built by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, with flying colours. Some idea of the tremendous size of the rail giant is given by comparison with the 800 men who were employed in constructing it. The locomotive is 152 feet long and is built in three sections so that it can take sharp curves safely. It weighs 1,275,000 pounds, or 83 1/2 tons, generates 7,125 horsepower, and exerts a maximum pulling force of 277,500. Each of the driving wheels is more than five feet in diameter and the cabs are 10 feet high and more than 11 feet wide. When going down hill, ahead of long strings of coal cars, the locomotive will generate power and turn it back into the transmission line. It is the first of 35 ordered by the Virginian railway for its \$15,000,000 electrification project between Mullens, W. and Roanoke.

COAL CRISIS. THE GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM. HUGE SUBSIDY INDICATED. (Router's Service.)

London, Aug. 5. An Explanatory memorandum of the terms of the Coal Settlement, which has been published, says that the enquiry should be completed in good time before May, 1926, and points out that while the Government's assistance will enable more pits to work and more men to be employed than if the 1924 agreement were continued without assistance; and will enable the industry to work at the same costs, prices, and scale, as if the coal miners' proposals had been carried out, it provides no guarantee that all the pits will work, or that the pits closed will be re-opened. Better trade will automatically diminish the amount of the subvention, while worsening trade will mean that the subvention, though at a higher rate and be protected from indefinite increase by being restricted to a smaller number of pits, the result being the closing down of unremunerative pits.

Adequate Safeguards. The Government has satisfied themselves that they have adequately safeguarded against the possibility of the amount of the subvention being improperly increased by the undue lowering of prices, or charging against Exchequer expenditure upon equipment, development, etc., which are not properly chargeable to the revenue costs. The memorandum concluded, "after surveying the whole position, and with all reserves for incalculable factors, the Government have decided to ask Parliament at present to vote \$10,000,000. If this is insufficient, further authority will be sought from Parliament \$10,000,000 Subsidy."

London, Aug. 5. The Government to-morrow will ask the House of Commons to vote a coal subsidy of \$10,000,000, covering a period of 12 months, ending on March 31, 1926.

CAPT. NEVILLE. LEAVES FOR HOME TO-MORROW. AN UNBROKEN RUMOUR.

Rumours that have circulated as to the departure from the Colony this week of His Excellency the Governor must have had as their origin the imminent departure of his A.D.C., Capt. R. A. R. Neville, R.M.L.I., who has booked passage home by the Empress of Australia and leaves to-morrow.

Both by reason of his important post and his keenness and proficiency at polo (he was Secretary of the Polo Club) Capt. Neville was a well-known figure in the Colony and news of his departure was a matter of interest to many.

Testimony to the never failing courtesy shown by him to all who had occasion to call at Government House than the local Press representatives. His presence here will be missed and the "China Mail" echoes the sentiments of all residents in wishing Capt. Neville a holiday at home none the less pleasant by reason of it being delayed through the strike of recent origin and a successful future in whatever sphere of activity to which he may be called.

His departure was not in the nature of an indication of His Excellency's imminent departure, he informed a "China Mail" representative this morning. His Excellency's intention was to remain in Hongkong for at least another month. No news had been received as to future appointments here or as regarded the future post to be held by His Excellency.

During Capt. Neville's absence, and until an A.D.C. is despatched from home, his duties will be carried out by Capt. E. Swinburn, M.C., of the East Surrey.

ARMS CASE. LENIENCY FOR PANTRY BOY.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, an Annamite pantry boy of the French steamer Angers was charged with the unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and ten rounds of ammunition.

The accused was given a good character by an officer of the vessel, and His Worship took a lenient view of the offence by imposing a fine of \$500, or in the alternative, six months' hard labour.

Lloyd George goes on making his phrases. "Mr. Baldwin has ceased to be a Premier," he said the other week. "He is now merely a preacher."

LAW AND JUSTICE. MR. BIRD DRAWS A DISTINCTION. BUILDING LIABILITIES.

The Supreme Court "building" case in which the award of the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird as an arbitrator is questioned, drew to a close before Sir Henry Cowper Gollan yesterday, and judgment was reserved.

Mr. Jenkin, for the plaintiff, who asks that the award should be set aside, said yesterday afternoon that his case was that Mr. Bird's award was made with every intention of doing justice as between man and man, but that in so doing he allowed himself to be carried away by the usual practice instead of abiding by the contract.

Mr. Bird: I may be wrong in law but I am quite sure my award was just.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, closing his case for the contractor in whose favour Mr. Bird had found, argued that it was no reason for upsetting an award to state that an arbitrator did not consider a point which was not taken. The arbitrator had made up his mind at the time of the arbitration but he had said that it was a mind open to consider any fresh arguments which might be raised.

In his final address to His Lordship, Mr. Jenkin said that it was impossible to say that there had been no miscarriage of justice when an arbitrator took his judicial seat and then said, "Now look here, this matter is decided and unless you have further light to shed upon it I shall decide against you."

FOOCHOW'S SUPPORT. The Hon. Mr. Holyoak has received a telegram from Foochow reading as follows:

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MOMENTOUS MATTERS.

All eyes now, and for some time to come, should be on Shanghai. We must remember that if there had been no outbreak at Shanghai, there would probably have been no trouble—or the Canton "Government" would have had no immediate cause to provoke trouble with a place that has been consistently friendly with the Cantonese and has, at various times, proved a safe harbourage for absconding officials, some of whom have not been courageous enough to face music of which they have called the tune. The enquiry into the Shanghai outbreak will, we hope, lead to a satisfactory peace. If an unreasonable time has been taken in fixing up preliminaries, we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that it is the way of diplomacy to be slow, and that with a people prone to be slow themselves, caution is the first necessity. Hongkong should be deeply interested in the coming enquiry. It is likely that the Colony will be represented on the enquiry, and if so, in a way that

for world trade and for those confiding investors who have put money into Chinese railways and loans, and who now alas! whistle for their dividends. Those who believe in prayer and the answer to it, should be incessant in their appeals for a right and speedy outcome of the proposed Shanghai inquiry.

Once Again.

Revolutions in Greece have become the veriest commonplace. As often as not almost Government succeeds Government in that unhappy country not by the constitutionally expressed wish of the people, but as the result of a coup d'état. During mail week Greece experienced her seventh revolution in the space of 21 years. On this occasion naval and military leaders, in the persons of General Pangalos and Admiral Hadji Kyriakos, backed by the sailors and soldiers, simply walked in and took possession of the Government departments. For once, happily, there was no bloodshed. The usurpers, having made themselves masters of the situation by the mere demonstration of force, announced their willingness to approve of a Cabinet in which the two leaders of the revolt should hold respectively the portfolios of the Army and Navy—in other words, be virtual dictators. Whether Greece would be better off under a Dictatorship as in the case of Italy, or a Directorate, as in the case of Spain, it is not easy to say. What can be said is that, since the downfall of Venizelos, there has not been a more sadly misgoverned country in Europe—Russia hardly excepted—than Greece, and none which has become a more negligible factor in European councils. "Tis Greece, but living Greece no more."

THEY SAY THAT

Secrecy is the essence of military success.—Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton.

American music is much better than we think it is.—Mr. Albert Coates.

No actress is in the least affected by playing a bad woman.—Miss Mary Clare.

Most women, even the most modern ones, prefer to be men.—Miss Margery Chilton.

In towns a loss of from 10 to 15 per cent. is due to uncleaned windows.—Mr. Perry J. Waldram.

A millionaire cannot shave or arrange his tie any more speedily than I can.—Mr. Alec Waugh.

If I had my way I would never let a woman come into my books at all.—Mr. Gilbert Fennell.

The point and meaning of dining out—that is, eating a good dinner—has been forgotten.—Miss Viola Treco.

Sex prejudice is still strong, and men are unwilling to be fair as far as women are concerned.—Mrs. Schofield Coates.

The use of preservatives is equivalent to taking down the danger signal without removing the danger.—Dr. James Fenton.

Young people of 1925 are doing only what the young people of 1885 would have done if they had had the chance.—Mr. W. L. George.

When men and women are quite equal it will be the duty of a wife to keep her husband just as much as it is for the husband to keep a wife.—Mr. Wilberforce.

TO-DAY'S SMILE.



"It's remarkable how one can work his way up. When I got married no one would trust me with a loan, and now I am in debt for more than 50,000 kroner!"
—"Vikings," Oslo.

Sir Robert Ho-Ho Tung left London on July 1 for Vienna, where he will undergo a cure. He will return to London at the end of the month.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

THE Free State Government has SQUEAKS. announced its intention of broadcasting lessons in Gaelic throughout the country. They are needed if a story going the rounds in Dublin is true. One of the Irish Government Departments addressed a letter to a German manufacturing firm beginning "A chara," the rest of the letter being written in English. They received in reply a letter beginning "Dear Sirs," the rest of the letter being written in Gaelic. The Department had to send it to Trinity College to have it properly translated.

THE Chinese are SLIGHTLY famous for the peculiar (AND DRINK). lively effective descriptions they give to certain days. One recently was the day of "slight heat." It was far from being slight; a day when one's consumption of liquid refreshment was also far from being slight. Has anyone attempted an estimate of the number of soft drinks consumed on any ordinary day in a Hongkong summer? Such a computation would be of great interest. A vast number of foreigners take kindly to the "bubbly water" whilst the Chinese are not a whit behind in their love of the sparkling "sarselle," etc. Then there are the ice cream soda concoctions which attract a goodly number. It is significant and of great testimony to the Colony's temperateness that there is no Temperance Society and no one going about getting people to sign the pledge.

THE Theatre Royal has PUBLIC probably held no more MEETINGS. enthusiastic meeting than the one held the other Monday. Memory stretching over a period of twelve years recalls quite a number of interesting meetings held in the Theatre to which the public were invited. There was that one, which attracted foreigners and Chinese alike in large numbers to consent to the sending of a congratulatory cable to the Washington Conference. Another meeting was that held on a Sunday evening, when the tall and stately Dr. Hodgkin delivered a searching address that stirred all who heard it. Another meeting was that at which the then Bishop of the Philippine Islands, Bishop Brent, orated in the manner for which he is noted. On that occasion the late Sir Henry May was in the chair, and his aristocratic bearing—grey suit, spats, and a vest lining—contrasted agreeably with the Bishop's dignified black. Sherwood Eddy, another American orator, has also spoken in the Theatre. If walls could speak, what tales of inspired declamatory effort, they could tell!

MANY have OVERSEAS LEAGUE. noted the recording Mr. Eric Rice's two concerts in connection with the Overseas League, in honour of overseas visitors to London. Mr. Rice was a former secretary to H.E. the Governor and amongst other accomplishments proved himself a fine musician and a pianoforte player a little out of the ordinary. He was also a keen Overseas Leaguer and had a lot to do with the temporary revival of the Hongkong branch—a revival which died when he left the Colony. In the midst of our present troubles there should be someone willing to revive interest, especially in a League whose patriotism is sane and above reproach. If a volunteer is worth pressed me, here is a glorious opportunity once again to prove the truth of an acceptable hackneyism.

TO the nice things POPULAR. that have been said of the Hongkong Hotel must be added a reference to the fact that its orchestra has continued to maintain a flow of "Sweet Sounds." It is perhaps as well that our dispensers of music—the writer is speaking generally—do not hear the discussions which take place regarding their efforts. They would surely give up the ghost at the amazing opinions, discussions, etc., which take place. The players are either no good, very good, or not so bad. No mention is made of the fact that musicians play sounds of other peoples' making, who should be held mainly responsible for what is reproduced, and that quite a lot of music is performed inadequately as to numbers in an orchestra. A little plain thought is all that is needed to arrive at a reasonable criticism of what is being attempted. The Hotel's patrons have been helped to pleasure by performances which have included the classic, mainly from grand opera, and the more understandable jazz, and much of their effort has received a meed of applause. Perhaps the most popular selection has been the overture to "William Tell." This is always a "safe" piece to play. There is the effective storm and calm picture, and the battle scene; and it needs to be said that the Hotel's orchestra brings out the effects of the overture in a very creditable manner, more so when an orchestra of from 40 to 80 players is generally needed to play the thing to perfection.

There are various HELPING. methods of helping on good causes. This is demonstrated by the June issue of "Our Log Book" which is a monthly record of the Shaftesbury Homes and "Arethusa" Training Ship. Here two extracts which should interest Hongkong people:—

A doctor who did service in the Great War, having no further use for his kit, sent the whole of it to us, including his sword, "Sam Browne," "British warm," and many other things. They will be helpful and useful in various ways, and we heartily thank him for thinking of us.

Here is a letter which greatly touches us. A small boy in school at Bexhill writes: "This little amount of money which is £1 might do you a little good. Although I am only a little boy of ten years old, I think of doing sea service a good turn. I am going to try and get into the British Navy myself." There is evidently the spirit of sacrifice in this gift, for he sent us the cheque which he had received. We thank our little benefactor most warmly.

CANTON—BEWARE!

(After an absence of several weeks Mr. Jiggs reappeared last night in the "China Mail.")

While Bolsheviks boycott and intimidate, And call us sundry sorts of foreign pigs, An antidote is found for all their hate In the welcome reappearance of Old Jiggs.

No longer need we curse the Reds, or rail Because own trouser knees are somewhat baggy; All is forgot when we take up the "Mail" And contemplate the deeds of gentle Maggie.

So let them vapour, vilify, and spout In tone suggestive of a city sewer, We heed them not what time we read about The doings of Old Jiggs and Dirty Moore.

Ye Canton Reds prepare to meet your fate, Or hasten from the scene with bag and baggage; Behold the ominous words writ on the altar: "To-morrow at Dirty Moore's a CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE."

Hongkong, August 6, 1925.

CHINA'S TASK.

BRITAIN'S SYMPATHY AND GOODWILL.

EARL BALFOUR'S VIEWS.

Helping the Chinese To Help Themselves.

That China must work out her own salvation was one of the points made by Earl Balfour in stating the Home Government's policy in the House of Lords yesterday.

CALUMNY CAMPAIGN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 5. In the House of Lords, Lord Gosford, asking the Government for a statement with regard to the situation in China, emphasised that every party and class in Britain would welcome the development of a strong, prosperous and united China. He paid a tribute to the devotion of the small British communities in China. Every Englishman in England or China deeply deplored the suffering caused to the Chinese. He appealed for the prompt fulfilment of the Washington Conference obligations as a proof of good faith and goodwill. He held the opinion that the Chinese would find means to appoint a Chinese delegation representing the whole country and fulfil their obligations.

Lord Gosford concluded by urging the appointment of a British statesman of world reputation as a special commissioner to China.

Earl Balfour, in reply, dwelt on China's lack of real central government and the internal troubles which, he emphasised, were not due to any foreign action. The Chinese had been masters of their own house. No substantial portion of the responsibility for China's present unhappy position fell to foreign countries and certainly did not fall to any British Government.

Earl Balfour expressed the opinion that there was no clear policy for Britain or any country having relations with China which could directly go to the root of the evil. China alone could bring about that change in her political situation which would give promise of happier relations between China and the rest of the world. All we could do was to do our best to mitigate the situation.

Earl Balfour expressed indignation at the flood of absolutely unfounded calumny poured out upon Britain with regard to the industrial conditions of China, perhaps from ignorance or prejudice, but he feared also from deeper projects intended not to help the Chinese but to injure the British.

Earl Balfour emphasised that the Government desired a judicial public enquiry into the Shanghai trouble as soon as possible which would command the confidence, not merely of other countries, but of China herself. He hoped the confidence arising from the treaty of Washington would meet soon, and emphasised that the delay in this respect was not due to Britain, which ratified the treaty immediately after the conference.

He also emphasised the difficulty caused by the chaos in China but hoped nevertheless that the conference would be fruitful of good results. It was impossible for us to delay carrying out the Washington obligations with a view to relieving or modifying old treaties in such a manner as if properly used they would be of infinite benefit to China and he hoped no small benefit to China's friends and allies.

Earl Balfour emphasised British sympathy and goodwill towards China. We would do everything we reasonably could to help the Chinese to help themselves, but China must work out her own salvation and effectively obtain a vigorous central government, which would secure the ordinary requisites of civilisation, before anything that the treaty Powers could do would really produce a great or permanent effect.

SHIPS IN WAR.

FRANCE'S WASHINGTON DELAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 5. Replying to Comdr. Bellairs with regard to the prospects of France ratifying the Root resolutions with regard to the safety of merchant vessels in war which had been agreed to by the French delegation at the Washington conference, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Foreign Office, said nothing further had been done in the matter since his reply of June 9. As far as he could recollect no far-reaching had been made to France against the delay.

Child Labour Commission had not yet been voluntarily adopted by any of the mills in the International Settlement of Shanghai pending enforcement by bye-law, but the Cotton Mill Owners Association, including all the British mills, had approved the main provisions.

Mr. Johnston asked how the Foreign Secretary possessed such erroneous information during the recent debate on China.

Mr. McNeill thought this arose from confusion in the accounts received here between the attitude of the millowners and their action in voluntarily adopting the rule.

Boycott Canard.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir W. Foot Mitchell, Mr. Ronald McNeill said he had no information that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai had pledged itself to continue the anti-British boycott for a year.

Everything possible was being done to expedite the judicial commission's enquiry into the Shanghai disturbances.

Treaty Praise.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, August 5. The nine power treaty relating to China was formally ratified by the representatives of eight powers and the United States Chinese Minister made a statement extolling the treaties as triumphs of American diplomacy, the adoption of a Monroe doctrine in the Orient and the ensuring of a new era for China.

GOLD STANDARD.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ATTACK.

CHANCELLOR'S DEFENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Aug. 5. After a vigorous defence of the Gold Standard by Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the House of Commons passed the reading of the Appropriation Bill.

Sir W. Lees Smith attacked the return to the Gold Standard as premature and blamed it for increasing unemployment. He complained that it would not decrease the internal to correspond with the increase in external prices. "Everybody knows that the Australian Government was told to raise money in New York and not here," Mr. Churchill said that no responsible party challenged the principle of the Gold Standard. "If we had not taken this action, the rest of the Empire would have taken it without us and there would have come the Gold Standard, not of the pound sterling, but of the dollar."

Remarkable Facts. Among "solid remarkable factors" to be considered as consequences of the Gold Standard, Mr. Churchill mentioned the capital issues for domestic purposes, for the first half of 1925 exceeded more than double similar issues for the first half of 1924. Sterling had recovered the parity of the gold dollar, and had established the equilibrium of the Australian and South African currencies.

The Bank of England's gold had increased from eight to nine millions. The general money rate had eased.

The general tendency of foreign countries towards stabilisation had increased, as for instance India, which could now consider the sterling rate whereat to stabilise the rupee. He added that coal subsidy was very objectionable but greatly preferable to veiled subsidy on exports.

APPOINTMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 5. Earl Clarendon has been appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary for Dominion Affairs.

[Earl Clarendon is the sixth earl and was Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms 1922-4.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

PUBLIC MEETING.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir—I have received the following letter from Sir James Jamieson, K.C.M.G., which I shall be glad if you will be good enough to publish in your next issue in order that it may be read by the very large number that attended the Public Meeting at the City Hall, and whom I cannot otherwise reach than by the courtesy of your paper.—Yours sincerely,

P. H. HOLYOAK.

Hongkong, August 5.

Sir James Jamieson's letter reads—

"My dear Holyoak,—Your kind letter of July 23, transmitting copy of a resolution, proposed and carried at a meeting held in the Theatre Royal, expressing in flattering terms, confidence in my handling of the local situation, has just been received."

"I need scarcely say that such expression of confidence is to me extremely gratifying and encouraging, and I would beg you to convey to all concerned, and also to accept for yourself as Chairman, my grateful acknowledgment, and high appreciation of the honour that has thus been done me."

"Perhaps I may be permitted to add that under existing arrangements the vital interests of Canton and Hongkong do not suffer to the extent which is generally assumed. However, this is a controversial point which I do not wish to raise."

"With renewed thanks,—I am, my dear Holyoak, Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) J. W. JAMIESON."

"CHEERS."

FRENCH WAR DEBT QUESTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Aug. 5. In the House of Commons, answering questions, the Hon. A. E. Guinness said that the official negotiations with regard to the French war debt had begun on July 27.

The French experts returned to Paris to consult their Government. Mr. Guinness presumed that negotiations would be resumed in due course. "His Majesty's Government feel convinced that the time will come when this question should be brought to a conclusion." (Cheers.)

FREE RHUR.

CONFERENCE OF AMBASSADORS' REQUEST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Aug. 5. The Conference of Ambassadors has passed a resolution requesting inter-allied Military Commission to instruct the military authorities in the occupied area, to evacuate Duesseldorf, Duisburg and Ruhrort.

DRUG EVIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Aug. 5. The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Dangerous Drugs Bill. The Bill has already passed the House of Lords.

PRINCE'S TOUR.

(Reuter's Service.)

St. Helena, August 5. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has sailed on H.M.S. Repulse.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S MATCH.

At the Happy Valley diamond yesterday, South China A.A. beat the Indian baseball team—the latter playing with three substitutes—by ten runs to one. The line-up was—

SOUTH CHINA.	INDIANS.
Ping 1b.	Akbar
Chan 3b.	S. A. Jhambhai
Jurie 4s.	Mimi
Pan 2b.	Kitchell
Shim p.	Lewis
Leung 1f.	Cassimkhoy
Choy c.f.	Choy
Tee c.	Lay
Chanson p.f.	A. N. Another

Lewis played a good game for the losers but lacked support. 123-46 Total. Hits South China 21; 11—10. Indians 10—10.

DISLOYAL STUDENTS.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING FUTURE POLICY.

EDUCATION BOARD'S VIEWS.

STRONG MEASURES CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

The statement was made by the Inspector of Schools in the course of a discussion yesterday at the Education Board meeting that the question of policy with regard to the return to schools in the Colony of striking students was already before the Government and the Board would be informed of its decision.

Mr. E. Ralphs presided in the absence of the Director of Education, Mr. G. N. Orme.

The tone of the meeting was that, having "miserably failed in the simple act of duty and loyalty to their schools and colleges," strict measures should be taken to bring home to them their disloyalty and to prevent any possible future political demonstrations.

The steps advocated by Mr. B. Wylie, on whose resolution the matter was brought up for discussion, were that all the ring-leaders should be expelled, and that steps should be taken in order that all expelled students should be refused admittance to other Government schools, grants-in-aid schools, private schools and for examination purposes, to our University; that the general body of strikers be not admitted for a definite period, say, until the commencement of next school year; that all scholarships in the possession of strikers be cancelled; that the Government will direct that future indulgence by students in political demonstrations shall be followed by instant dismissal.

There were some people who would deprecate any step other than the demanding from the students in question an explanation of their absence from their studies and the dropping of the matter after they had been given a good talking to. It must not be forgotten, however, that the Government, if it was to continue the part of educator must clearly lay down as part of its education that politics were not the concern of students but of their parents.

Mr. Wylie also spoke of the need for care being taken in the event of measures such as indicated by him being taken that private schools might not harbour expelled students.

UNITY NEEDED.

Mr. Wylie's resolution, calling for an indication of the Government's policy, was seconded by Mr. E. P. Aucott. Prior to this so-called "strike," he said, it was unthinkable that in a British Colony, where the Government at a cost which is admittedly very low, has continuously provided generous educational facilities for the benefit of all classes and in which the Chinese students have so largely shared, numbers of the latter, led by their seniors, should so miserably fail in the simple act of duty and loyalty to their schools and colleges.

Although it is true that the "strike" began in a Government College, the fact remains that there were "strikes" in practically all the schools of the Colony. There is, I fear, a tendency amongst the Headmasters of some of the non-Government schools to lay all the blame on the Government institutions, even to the point of pretending that they have no strike ringleaders in their own schools. I trust, therefore, that when it comes to the point of meting out reasonable retribution to the strike leaders, the masters of all schools will co-operate heartily with the Government and will make no attempt to shelter behind the excuse that their particular schools have no agitators on the roll. The fact is that a strike cannot be engineered in any school without leaders.

In conclusion, Mr. Aucott spoke of the need either for a reduction in the number of private schools or the provision of means whereby they should be more closely supervised.

Also speaking in support of the resolution, Dr. S. W. T'ao said the question occurred whether by giving the students this liberal education they were, in doing so, proceeding along the right lines. The old Chinese teaching was that boys were sent to school to study and to do nothing else. In the olden days there were no meetings in which they talked about freedom and much else that they did not understand, but they were kept to their studies and were under discipline. To-day the youth of China talked about freedom and revolution. Dr. T'ao thought that there must be something wrong with our educational system. There was something wanting, and he was of the opinion that some other methods should be adopted.

giving the students was a matter which, he considered, should be gone into thoroughly.

STRONG RULE.

With regard to the Government's policy to returning strikers, they must make a strong rule with regard to all the schools. He agreed that the punishment must be severe and that stringent rules must be brought into force, and suggested that the matter should be left to the Government and the various heads of the schools to devise the best means in this respect.

A plea for sympathetic consideration of the students' case was put forward by Dr. Wan Man-kai who thought that the great majority had been misguided and misled under the guise of patriotism. No amount of talking and reasoning had been able to influence them and almost it seemed as if they had acted whilst under the disease of insanity which became infectious.

It could not be gainsaid that the Government had spent a lot of money on education and the students ought to feel grateful. He did think, however, that although they had been misled and intimidated, that they were grateful. If they went to extremes it might be disastrous for both parties. He urged, in conclusion, that the Government should be liberal-minded.

Dr. Wan's remark as to gratitude was at this point commented on by the Chairman, Mr. E. Ralphs, who pointed out that day after day before they left it was indicated clearly to the students that they were contemplating a false step which might have serious consequences. It could hardly be said that they had taken a very happy way of showing their gratitude.

The Chairman also stated that the whole question was before the Government and when a decision was reached it would be passed on to the Board.

The Rev. Dr. Pearce hoped that the Government would endeavour to emphasise the necessity of loyalty to the part of all students to their schools. They ought to try and create a better atmosphere as a safeguard when crisis of this kind arose. If such an ideal of loyalty could be inculcated into the students, he thought it might be a factor which would help to get rid of the trouble in the future.

The resolution requesting a statement of policy from the Government on the question was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Davos, August 5.—As a result of a motor-car crashing into the parapet of a bridge, Dr. Rademaker, Editor of The Hague newspapers "Tulander," has suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. His condition is almost hopeless. Mrs. Helen Cuperus, also of The Hague, had one of her legs broken and her son and the driver of the car are suffering from concussion of the brain.—Reuter.

Moscow, August 5.—The trial has concluded at Tiflis of the members of the Georgian committee of anti-Soviet parties, on the charge of organising the insurrection of 1924, of terrorism, espionage and other capital crimes. The four principal accused were sentenced to death but the sentence was commuted to ten years' imprisonment. Several others received smaller sentences.—Reuter.

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Sources of Nitrogen.

There are at present four sources from which nitrogen compounds are chiefly derived. For nearly half a century the natural nitrate deposits of Chile have supplied a large yearly tonnage of nitrate for agriculture and for industry. Nitrogenous waste materials, such as cottonseed meal, fish scrap, dried blood, and slaughter-house residues, supply another substantial part of the total nitrogen used in agriculture. Nitrogen compounds are also recovered in the processes of making coke and coal gas. And finally nitrogen compounds are now prepared in large amounts from the free nitrogen of the air. Man has learned to do by some what laborious chemical methods what the bacteria of the soil do with apparent ease. Since all these sources of nitrogen are available, and particularly since man has learned the trick of capturing atmospheric nitrogen chemically, it might appear that we could now do very well without the nitrogen-capturing bacteria of the soil. When we calculate the amount of nitrogen put into the soil by bacteria over the whole agricultural area of the United States, however, and then compare this amount with the quantity of nitrogen contained in all the fertilisers used in the United States, we are astonished at the enormous amount captured by bacteria as compared with that added to the soil by man's efforts. If the soil had to depend entirely on man for its nitrogen, the agricultural area of the United States would presently become a desert. "Youth's Companion."

Human Wireless.

Though he did not know it, through the eons of man's existence, it was to a "receiving set"—more complicated and miraculous than that of other kind of receiving gift of vision. The eye is a receiving set that works on wave lengths of incredible minuteness, and can instantaneously and automatically "time in" to stations, however near or far. Not only is it composed, item by item, of true counterparts of the sound instrument, but it surpasses the sound instrument immeasurably in delicacy and accuracy of reproduction. It is no bigger than a boy's marble. The filmy aerial though less than a square inch in size, will effectively pick up incoming signals from the nearest object of the distant star. The condensers and the relays are so frail and so minute that even the most powerful microscope scarcely avails to make them visible. Each eye works at one and the same time on hundreds of different wave-lengths without undue "jamming." Each has its own telephone exchange with thousands of "land lines" connecting with the brain. Ceaselessly, silently, and swiftly these receiving sets of Nature work, often sixteen hours a day, year in and year out, with no rest but a momentary wink during their hours of receiving. So it is no wonder that they need occasional repair and tuning up; and if they are overworked, like all machines, they break down. When this happens the brain gets bad reception, it makes errors of judgment, and it makes miscalculations which may have unhappy results for the individual. Then it is time, not for the amateur to "fiddle about" but for the calling in of an expert mechanic. The misplacement of a lens or the faulty placing of a prism may cause the unfortunate person to see "double" or seriously to misjudge distance.

A Cancer Discovery.

At the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, London, a serum has been found that destroys cancer cells, which have been taken from cancerous animals and propagated in glass capsules.—"Daily Mail."

The Nation's Doctor.

Dr. Arthur Shadwell, who has been diagnosing the state of the nation and pronouncing it lacking in energy, initiative, and enterprise, is an experienced publicist who has carried out during the last twenty years many inquiries into social and industrial conditions (says the "Daily Chronicle").

The Telephotograph.

Recently Government officials met in the Washington studio of Mr. C. Francis Jenkins, to see on a receiving screen events in front of a sending apparatus five miles away. The process in the main resembles that for still-life pictures with the addition of several apparatuses which the inventor calls the radio eye, consisting of a number of polished mirrors which break up the pictures into flashes taking a succession of stills, then reproducing the object on the screen in a moving continuity. The projections were accomplished in a fraction of a second. The result resembles the cinema of 20 years ago. The telephotograph is being used by many banks for the transmission of long-distance cheques. The operation takes two hours. The signatures and figures are very distinct.—"Westminster Gazette."

Indian's Dainty Palate.

A missionary who was journeying northward with his dog train met a hungry Indian and invited him to share his dinner, which consisted of a tin of pork and beans and a few extra slices of pork added. When it was cooked to the satisfaction of the missionary he took his tin plate and poured out half the beans and pork on it and placed it before the Indian, intending to eat his own portion out of the can. The Indian looked round and (says the "Youth's Companion") seeing a piece of newspaper in the missionary's outfit, spread it out on the snow. Then he took the can and dumped the contents out on the paper and added to it the portion that was on the plate. With his hunting knife he carefully picked out the meat and pushed it to one side of the paper and scraped the beans to the other. Then pointing to the meat, he said—"Him for Indian." Touching the beans with his knife, he pointed to the missionary. "Him for white man," he said, and added by way of explanation, "Indian no cow."

Holiday Luggage.

The girl who, for the first time, is planning a holiday abroad at some cheap little resort off the beaten track, say in Western Brittany, for instance, does not always realise the luggage difficulties that may confront her (says the "Daily Telegraph"). Accustomed as she is to travelling in England with a fair-sized leather suitcase in the compartment with her, and perhaps a hat-box and golf clubs as well, she contemplates doing the same abroad. That is where the trouble begins. Take, just for example, the journey from St. Malo to Brest. She hears with equanimity that she must change twice on the way, and imagines that porters will be waiting on the platforms at the junctions to help her and her fellow-travellers with their hand luggage. But she will have a rude awakening, for there will probably be neither platform nor porters available. The train will have driven up in a siding, and such porters as there are will have neither time nor wish to deal with hand luggage; their concern is only with the contents of the guard's van. There are two solutions to the problem. The first is to follow the custom of our Continental friends and register a box to go in the guard's van, remembering always that anything over 66 lb. no matter what class you travel, counts as overweight, and is charged for at a high rate. It is as well, too, to try to keep an eye on it when changing trains, though officially this precaution is quite unnecessary. The second solution is to take hand-luggage that can be carried without any inconvenience at all, and for this purpose a smallish fibre suitcase is very satisfactory; if it is one of the expanding make, so much the better. Modern dress-hats at least the merit of taking up very little room, and the less elaborate it is for a holiday of this kind the better. The one thing to be avoided at all costs is the discomfort and fatigue of bulky hand luggage that is just too heavy to be carried with ease.

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Apples That Breathe.

A new instrument to detect "poison gas" in the storage chambers of ships has just been made by research scientists at Cambridge University and despatched to Australia for trial on fruit boats coming home. This experiment is a further development in the elaborate research directed towards the eradication of the disease known as "brown heart." Apples, like men, breathe, said P. E. Pearce, the fruit expert of the Overseas Farmers' Co-operative Federation, in London recently. They take in oxygen and give off carbon dioxide. If there is insufficient ventilation in the storage rooms they get suffocated and die of brown heart. Since scientists made this discovery, there has been a revolution in shipping ventilation, and, though a quarter of a million pounds was lost through brown heart only three years ago, this year it is regarded almost as a curiosity. The new instrument, which records the atmosphere of storage chambers by a chemical process, will make the delicate work of adjusting the ventilation a very much simpler matter.

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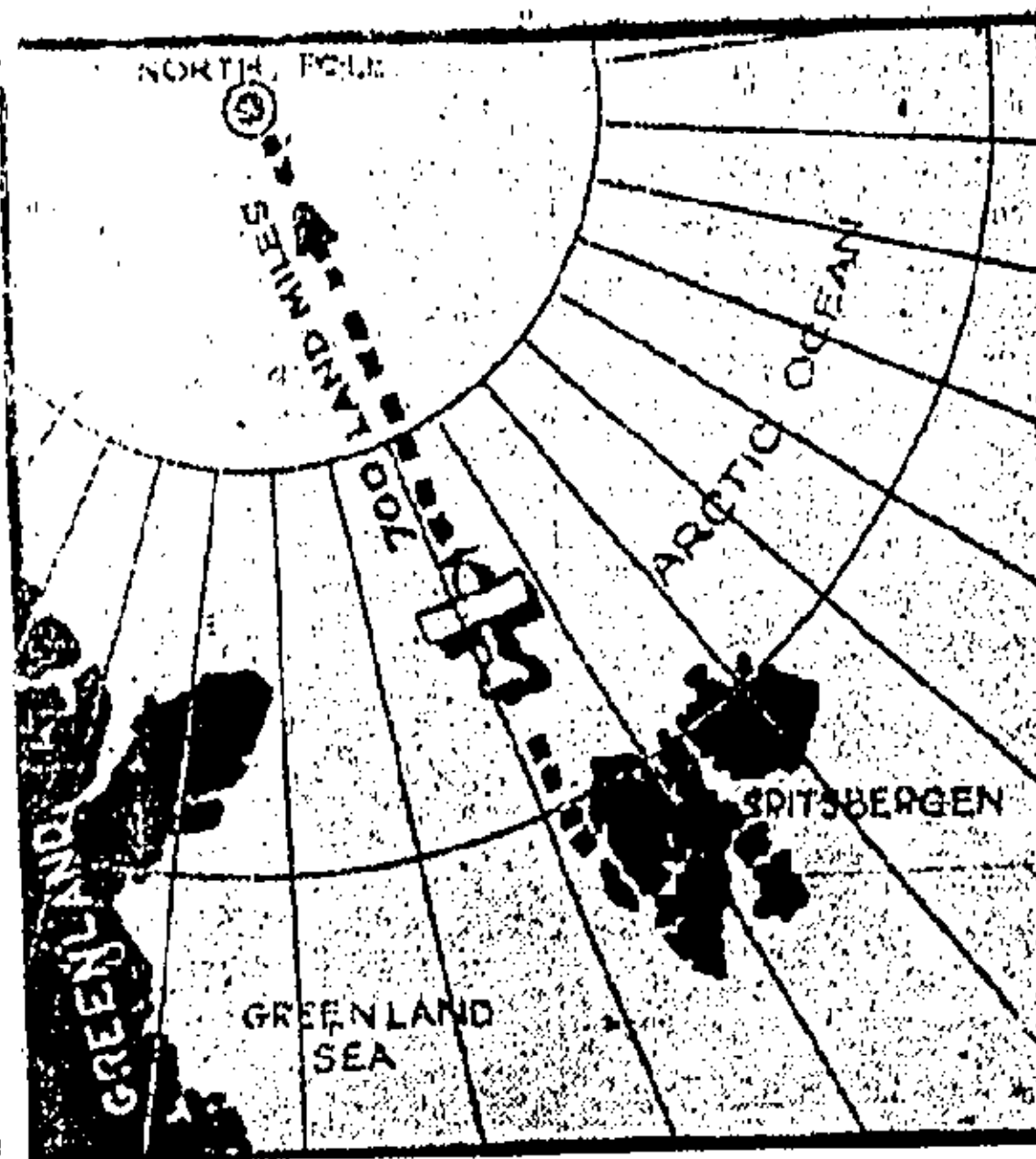
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(left), and W. W. O'Brien (centre).John Duval Dodge, son of the late
millionaire auto manufacturer, John
Dodge, has launched a career as a
broker. Three weeks previously he
made the prediction that he would be
manufacturing his own make of car
before January 1, 1926.Terrible wind, snow and hail storms swept through Eastern States
during the last week in May, carrying death and destruction in their
wakes. Hailstorms in many cities were as large as eggs. Baltimore,
suffered a partial tie-up of traffic by a heavy snow fall.Robert White, whose story linked
Dr. C. G. Faiman, owner of a
laboratory, with William D. Shepherd,
according to prosecutors in the "germ-
murder" case has vanished.

ARCTIC LEADERS AND ROUTE TO POLE

Above are shown Capt. Roald Amundsen, veteran explorer, and Lincoln Ellsworth (right) the
American representative in the aeroplane dash to the North Pole. The map shows the course of their
flight over the icy wastes.

MISS ROBERTA WAGNER

While prayers were being said for
her in dozens of churches in Miss
Roberta Wagner, 18, placed her faith
in St. Therese, the newest of Saints,
she said, and at the end of nine days
arose from her bed, recovered.Above: GEN. SMEDLEY BUTLER; KING ALFONSO.
Below: MARTIN B. MADDENGeneral Smedley Butler, Public Safety Commissioner of
Philadelphia, has been urged to become a candidate for Governor.
King Alfonso of Spain, granted France permission to send French
troops in Spanish colonial territory in pursuit of Riffian forces.
Representative Martin Madden, took the baths at Bad Nauheim, Ger-
many, recuperating from illness. Nathan Leopold, in jail for the
murder of Robert Franks, has suffered an attack of appendicitis.

GASTON B. MEANS

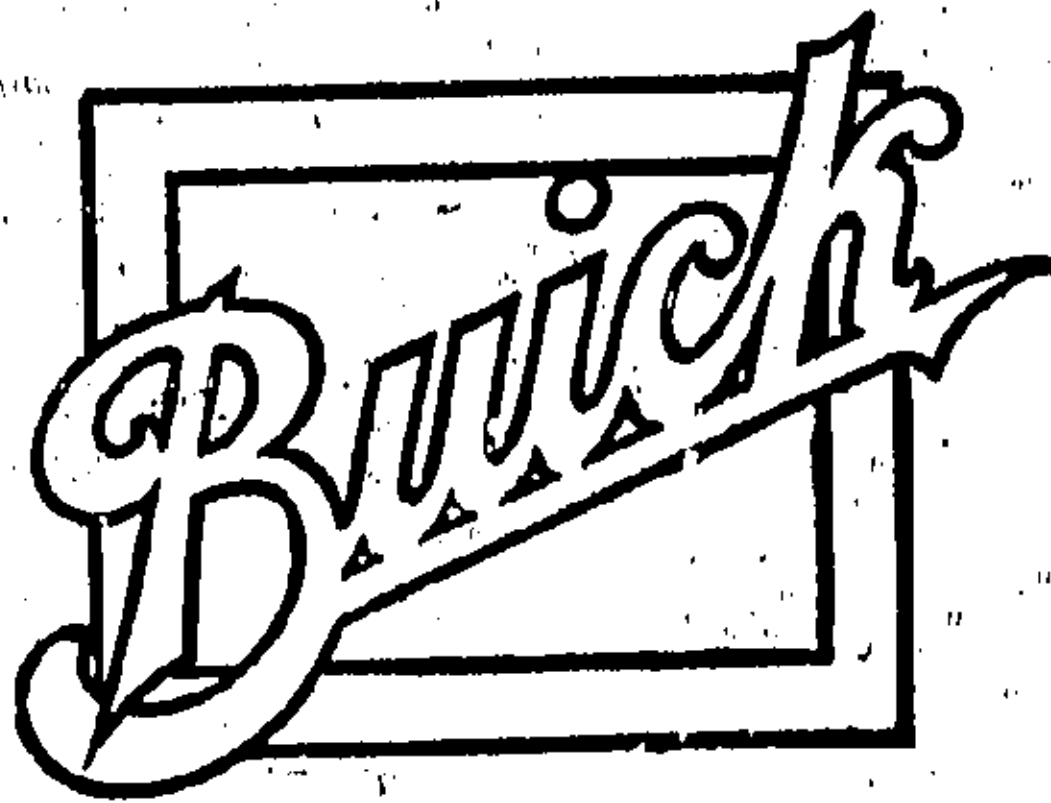
Gaston B. Means, former Depart-
ment of Justice agent, is shown as he
arrived to serve a two-year sentence
following his conviction for con-
spiracy.

KATHARINE LOUISE ZARAMBA

Katharine Louise Zaramba, nineteen, was arrested together with
another girl and three youths, all of whom were charged as acting as
a band of taxi bandits. She confessed, according to police, that she
wielded the revolver in the hold-ups while her companions went
through the pockets of their victims, "because it thrilled her."

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For the week ending Saturday last, the return of notifiable diseases showed one Chinese case of diphtheria. For the 24 hours ending Tuesday, the return showed one Chinese case of enteric fever.

The period of service on the Education Board of Mr. U. Rummah has expired and it was stated by the Chairman at the meeting yesterday that Mr. Rummah was not prepared to serve for another period. The vacancy had been filled by the appointment of A. el Arculli.

As a result of the requests of the members, the Government some time ago undertook to appoint a medical inspector for schools and at yesterday's meeting it was stated that Mrs. Minett, who had previously been appointed had now undertaken her duties which consisted of visits not only to Government Schools but also Grant Schools. Mrs. Minett's professional qualifications were referred to, also her previous experience.

It only remains for the Prince of Wales to be given a title in South America and then his Royal Highness will possess a special designation for every Continent and almost all parts of the world. In the United Kingdom he has a choice out of eight titles, but the North American Indians, when he visited Canada for the first time in 1919, were not content with these and coined one for themselves—Chief Morning Star. The Canadians had already become accustomed, through their returning troops, to knowing him as the Scout, while the Australians knew him as Dinkum Digger. Maoris, the natives of India, and the Japanese have all followed suit during his visits to them, and now the natives of South Africa have dubbed him Shipping Sun, a much more handy name than Langa Llyakanya, which is the official spelling.

The King has approved of Dr. W. Crull as German Consul for Hongkong, and Herr Franz Winkler as Consul of Austria for Hongkong.

"India does one delightful thing which I never met with anywhere else," says Mr. E. V. Lucas. "It is an unwritten law in every Anglo-Indian household that an extra place be laid at meals on the chance of someone dropping in."

The reason why Messrs. John Brown & Co. obtained the contracts for the two Australian cruisers has been divulged. Their tender was higher than the lowest by £12,000, but their designs were such that this difference would be saved in fuel within 18 months. This does look like a feather in the cap of Clydebank.

A "League for the Removal of the Tax on Marriage" is being founded by Dr. Marie Stopes. She claims that marriage is "taxed to the tune of more than £20,000,000 a year" in consequence of a husband and wife's separate incomes being reckoned as one for the purpose of income tax. This, she declares, is a directly anti-social and immoral proceeding, and is against the best interests of the State.

A driver of a taxicab goes to the Chamber of Deputies in Paris, and when he arrives he places a black cover over the flag of his taximeter. This indicates that he is not soliciting fares. He puts his cab on the rank and enters the Chamber. He takes his seat on the parliamentary benches, listens to the discussions and sometimes intervenes. When the sitting is over, or when he considers that his presence is not required, he leaves, returns to his cab, takes off the black cover, and plies for hire. For the taxicab driver is a Deputy, but because he is a Deputy he does not therefore cease to follow his occupation. For a number of hours every day he drives for a living. The cab is his own property and he is therefore under no restrictions as to hours. His name is Monsieur Adam, and he sits as a Communist in the Department of the Seine.

The Bishop of Singapore, who, as Chaplain Ferguson-Davie (Punjab L.I.) won the silver medal at the Bisley N.R.A. meeting of 1904, is competing again this year.

A choirboy stood on his head at Leighton Buzzard while extracts were read from the will of Edward Wilkes, a 17th century benefactor. Mr. Wilkes founded almshouses and left charity lands for their upkeep on condition that the boundaries of his property were beaten every Rogationtide.

Considerable indignation was caused in Scotland by a London correspondent of an American paper, who referred to Caledonia's fine new Rugby ground outside Edinburgh as "Murrayfield, England." Scots should be placated by a letter that an American literary agent is broadcasting just now. He is recommending a story that will be of great interest to "Scottish and British boys."

That he had given a direction to those who would be his executors to plunge a stiletto into his heart after his death, was revealed by Sir George Greenwood, who presided over a meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Premature Burial. Miss Helen Onkes, honorary secretary of the society, said one of the best-known men in England, whose name was a household word, had once been placed in a coffin as dead, and when about to be buried was found to be alive. He had lived for 20 years.

One rather extraordinary feature of the lawn tennis boom in London is the number of people in the suburbs who have had tennis courts laid out in their gardens, not for their own use, but for that of other people. These ingenious suburban dwellers let out the tennis court for the season, and they also provide teas; those who have space for two courts make a quite good financial result from it. It frequently happens that those who hire the courts bring along parties almost every day. This means several teas have to be provided, and each brings a respectable profit.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. A. W. G. Ogilvie left on Tuesday by the President Polk for a holiday at Home.

The Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett are settling down at Nether Compton, near Sherborne, Dorset. Their residence has been called Kulling, after the well-known northern Chinese summer resort.

Mr. R. J. H. Sidney, headmaster, Victoria Institution, has been elected a member of the Headmasters' Conference, which is, we believe, a distinction only shared by 14 other heads of schools outside the United Kingdom.

Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, who sustained a broken ankle, a fractured wrist and a badly crushed knee besides minor injuries in the motor-cycle crash, in which Mr. P. Brown of the Castle Peak Road, on May 23, left the Government Civil Hospital yesterday. Mr. Key, it is understood, hopes shortly to resume his duties.

From the fuss made in some of the newspapers over the King's horn-rimmed eyeglasses, you would imagine that royalty had never worn eyeglasses or spectacles before, says a Home writer. The same fuss was made last year when the Queen wore smoke-coloured glasses at the Wimbledon tennis tournament. But most men of His Majesty's age, however good their "long sight" may be, wear glasses for reading. And the King for some time past has worn spectacles for writing and reading.

The mother of four notable children, Mrs. Haldane had a remarkable series of associations with the Woolpack. She was the great-niece of one former Lord Chancellor, Lord Eldon, whom she remembered, although it is nearly a century since he left the Woolpack; the sister-in-law of another, Lord Herschell; and the mother of a third, Viscount Haldane. There was another judge in her family—Lord Eldon's elder brother, Lord Stowell, a Judge of the Admiralty Court, who was born in 1745, and whom also she could remember.

Anatole France's brain was taken over by the Faculty of Medicine for the purposes of science. It is now learned that the great writer's brain was 12 ounces below normal weight, but, like that of the great French statesman Gambetta, it had numerous and deep convolutions or ridges.

Captain Maurice White, a son of Mr. Tyndale White, J.P., of Ongar, Essex, has just died from the effect of wounds received during the Boer war. On Boxing Day, 1900, he was shot in the spine, and this produced paralysis of the lower limbs. Until the day of his death he was able to get about only in an invalid's chair. He was given a military funeral.

The interest taken by the Chancellor's son, Randolph, in the Commons debates is a proof that Winston is bringing up the boy in a friendlier way than he himself was brought up. He once confided in a friend that he owed everything to his mother, nothing whatever to his father. "He treated me as if I had been a fool," said Winston; "barked at me whenever I questioned him, and when I tried to talk politics with him, he only looked contempt at me and would not answer."

The Princess Royal is happily recovering from the sudden attack of hemorrhage which caused the Royal Family considerable anxiety. The King, who is a devoted brother, visited his sister every day. Her life was undoubtedly saved by blood transfusion. The title of Princess Royal is not inherited by the eldest daughter of the sovereign by virtue of her birth. It is a special creation. King Edward created his eldest daughter, then Duchess of Fife, Princess Royal shortly after his accession. The title is held for life no matter how many sovereigns may succeed during that lifetime. George III's eldest daughter, Charlotte, Queen of Wurtemberg, held it for sixty years. Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, the Empress Frederick, for nearly the same period. Both were intensely proud of their title, and by all States and formal documents signed themselves, after their foreign appellation, "Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland."

Mary Pickford has written a letter to one of her English admirers. In it she says: "When I retire, which may be quite soon, I shall live six months of every year in England. Who could ask more of life than a cottage in Devonshire?"

After the lapse of seventeen years, Lord Burnham held a Court Baron at Hall Barn, Beaconsfield (Bucks), in connection with manorial rights and customs. Lord Burnham, as Lord of the Manor of Beaconsfield, appointed his hayward, scudgers of leather, ale-tasters, bailiff, constables, and bellman. The ale-tasters, appointed were Mr. Charles Allen Bennett, K.C., and Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

The King of Spain, who is 39, has, with rather grim humour, formed a collection of relics of the various attempts which have been made to cut short his career. The collection is a considerable one, and its contents range from the test of a feeding-bottle used in an attempt to poison him at the age of eight, to pieces of the Barcelona bomb, the skeleton of a horse killed by another bomb, and a fragment of the landau in which he was riding with President Loubet at the time of the attempted assassination in the Rue de Rivoli, Paris. Of late years, happily, the additions to the museum have been few.

The members of the Royal Family are not, as a whole, attached to literature. The busy ones, of course, haven't time to read much; but nor, for that matter, have they the inclination. The King is perhaps the solitary exception, the only one who would read a book for pleasure and not merely because he had to, says a London writer. I once heard the Princess Royal say that if all the members of her family had to pass an examination in current literature in order to gain a livelihood, they would starve. The kind of books that find their way on to the royal shelves are official biographies, and memoirs. Modern fiction is neither seen nor spoken of, and people like Chesterton, Wells, Bennett, and Shaw are only known because their names will keep cropping up in the papers.

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